



A presentation from the year 12 Textiles students



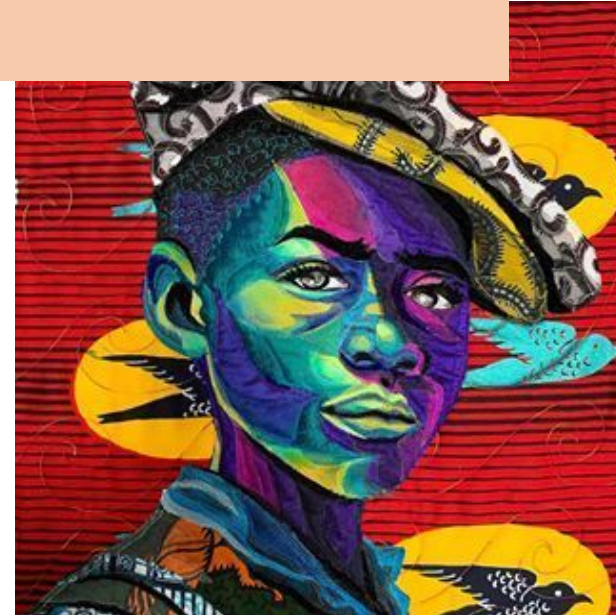
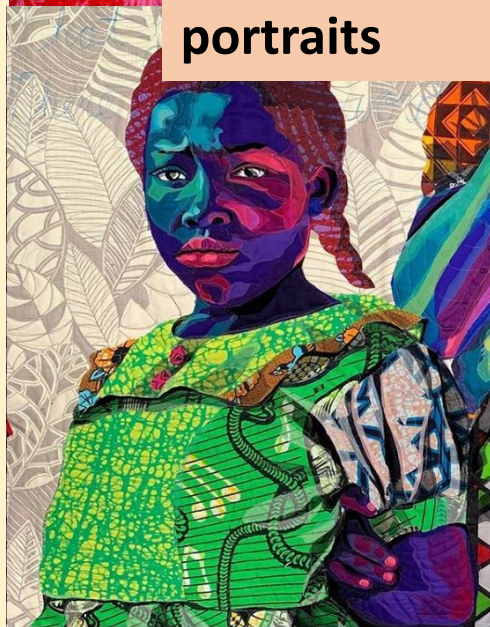
African Americans have been quilting since they were brought to America as slaves and needed to keep warm. Enslaved people stitched together pieces from worn-out clothes to create blankets.

Bisa Butler's quilted artworks are made from African fabrics from Ghana, batiks from Nigeria, and prints from South Africa.

To make her fabric artwork, she traces over photographs, then she layers and stitches fabrics with a sewing machine, a process called appliqué to create her large scale quilts.



**Bisa Butler: Stitched fabric portraits**

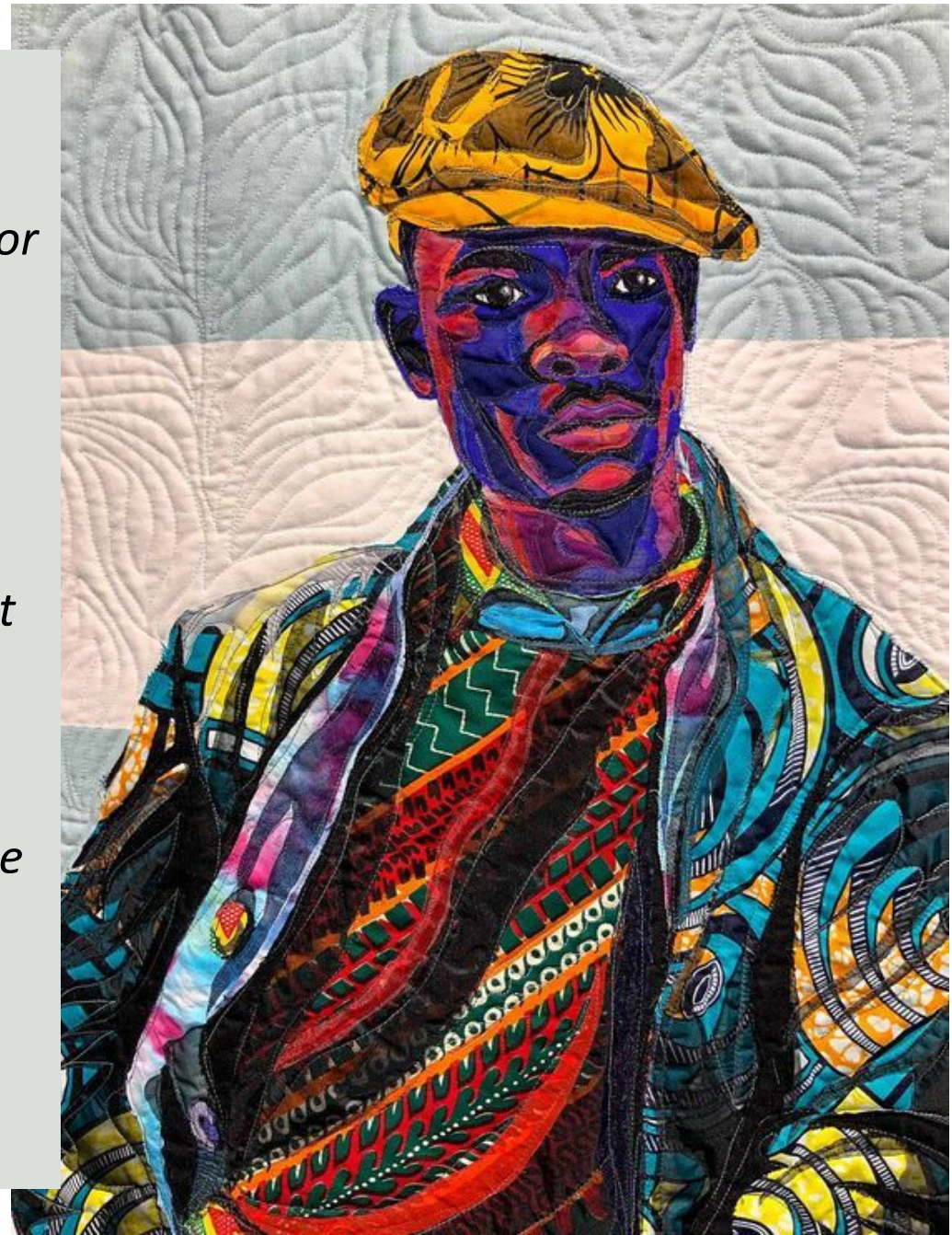




**Bisa Butler** says about her work:

*“African Americans have been marginalized for hundreds of years. While we have been right beside our white counterparts experiencing and creating history, our contributions and perspectives have been ignored, unrecorded and lost. It is only a few years ago that it was acknowledged that the White house was built by slaves.*

*The people in my portraits are African Americans from ordinary walks of life. Like the builders of the White House, they have no names or captions to tell us who they were. I want to give the people in my artworks their ancestry back, taking their place in American history”*





## Year 12 student work: **Niki Cangi**

"I chose **Viola Davis** as she is inspiring to me because of how she was able to change the world. She is an advocate and always supports human rights as well as equal rights for women of colour. Viola has many achievements and accomplishments, one of them being winning a Golden Globe Award and an Academy Award. She also became the first black woman to win an Oscar, an Emmy and a Tony for acting"

Quotes from Viola Davis, *"My biggest discovery was that you can literally re-create your life"*



*"The privilege of a lifetime is being who you are"*



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## Year 12 student work: **Disha Pareshkumar**

“I have chosen **Diana Ross** as my inspirational black woman. She is an American singer and actress known best as the lead singer of the Supremes, Motown's most successful act in the 1960s and one of the world's best-selling girl groups of all time. One of the reasons she inspires me is her incredible success as both a solo singer and group singer. In 1993, the Guinness Book of World Records named Ross the most successful female music artist in history”



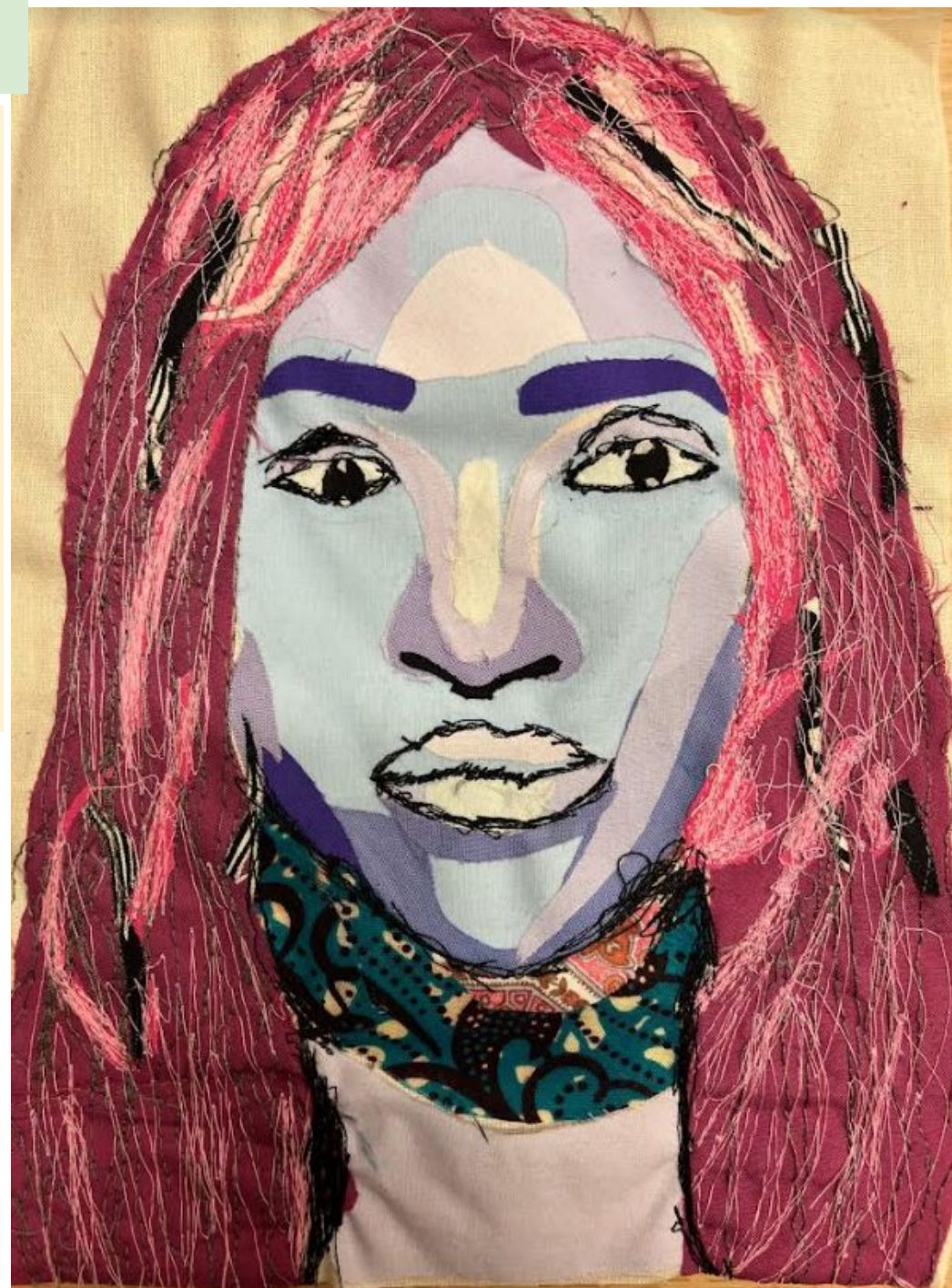
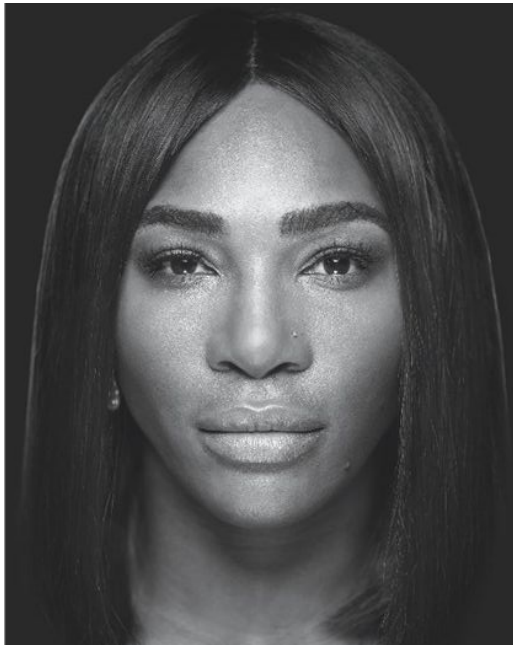
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## Year 12 student work: **Priyanka Samji**

“**Serena Williams** she is professional tennis player. She has won 23 Grand Slam titles including 11 singles wins, ten women's doubles trophies, and two mixed doubles titles. She has also won two women's doubles gold medals at the Olympics.

She motivated me because I enjoy sports just as much as she does and because I want to achieve great things like she has. She inspires me to persist and put out my best effort in both my studies and my athletic achievements”

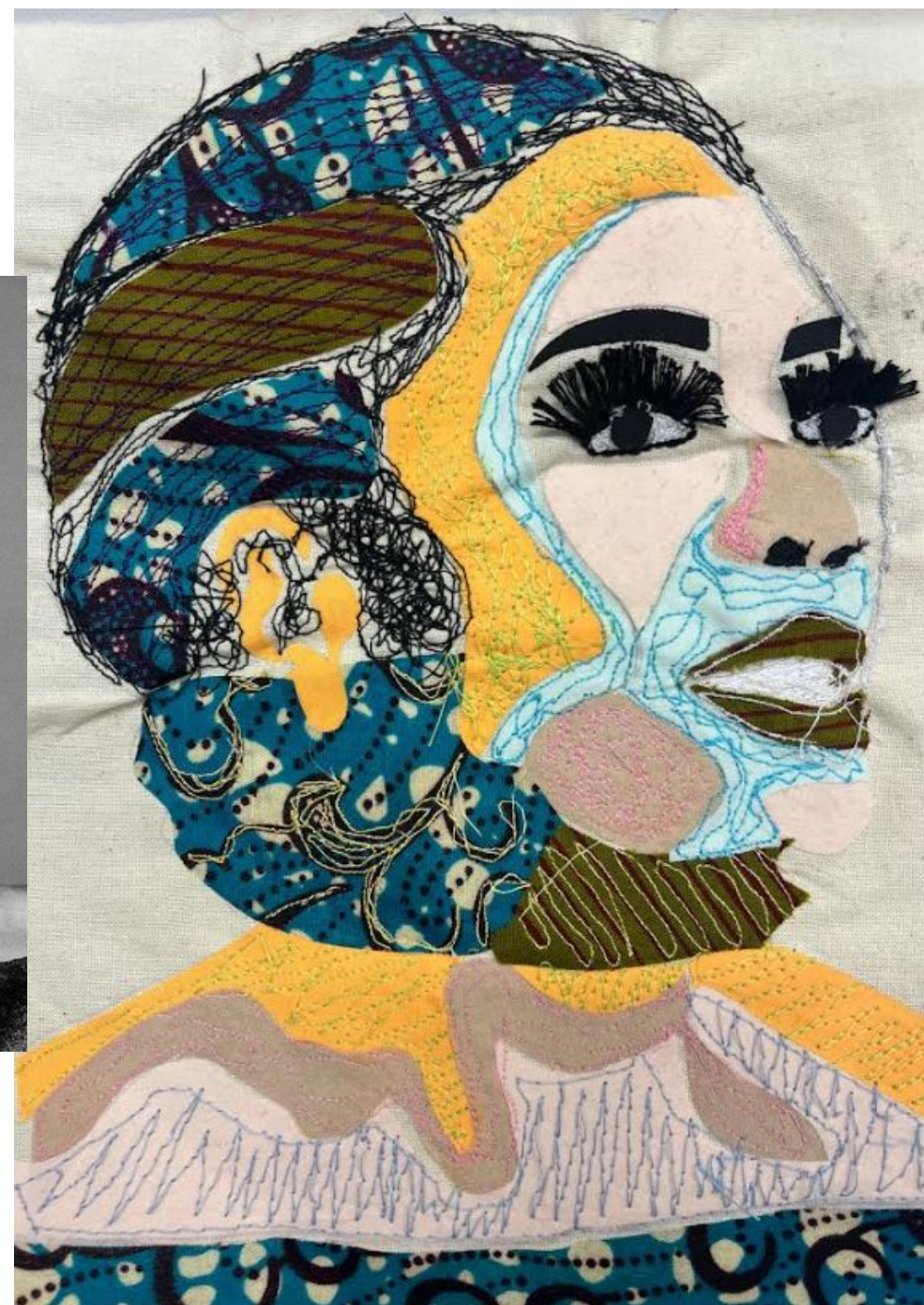


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## Year 12 student work: Sneha Dilipkumar

“I have chosen **Oprah Winfrey**, who is an American talk show host, television producer, actress, author, and philanthropist. She was the first black woman to own her own production company. She was nominated for an Academy Award for her first movie (The Color Purple). Oprah Winfrey is an inspirational black woman because she is one of the pioneers of women's empowerment events, where her actions and words never fail to impress and inspire people”

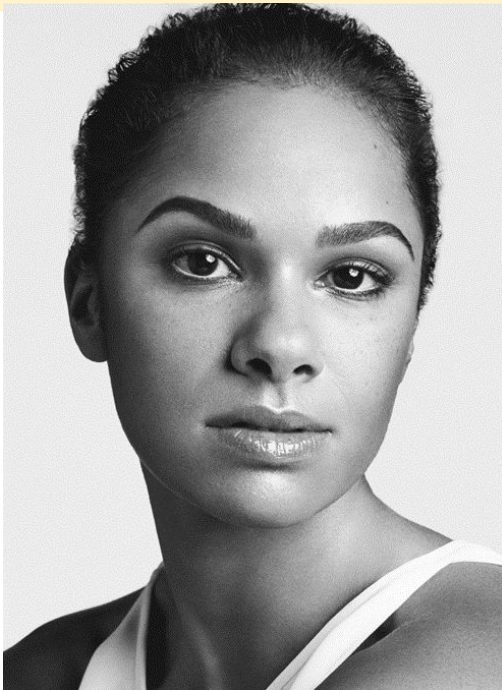


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## Year 12 student work: **Preksha Hasmukh**

**“Misty Copeland** is an American ballet dancer. She joined the American Ballet Theatre in 2015, becoming the group's first female African American main dancer. At the age of 13, Misty attended her first ballet class. Misty Copeland symbolises possibility, opportunity, and me being myself. She demonstrates to me that I can succeed in life and pursue my passions without fear of criticism. She demonstrates bravery, resilience, and patience. I believe that she uses criticism as motivation to work even harder.”



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